



# AGRICULTURAL PRICES

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### Prices Received by Florida Farmers

Citrus producers received \$8.74 per box in April for oranges, up 62 cents from last month and \$1.44 from April 2011. The price per box for grapefruit was \$6.14, up 8 cents from last month. The April milk price was \$20.40 per hundredweight, down 70 cents from last month and \$3.80 from last year. The replacement milk cow price for April 2012 was \$1,450 per head. The April peanut price was \$0.338 per pound, down \$0.022 from last month.

### United States Price Index

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in April 2012, at 177 percent, based on 1990-92=100, decreased seven points (3.8 percent) from March. The Crop Index is down five points (2.4 percent) and the Livestock Index decreased seven points (4.4 percent). Producers received lower prices for broilers, corn, cattle, and eggs, and higher prices for soybeans, onions, hay, and oranges. In addition to prices, the overall Index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly movement of cattle, strawberries, milk, and broilers offset the decreased marketing of soybeans, corn, wheat, and cotton. The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up one point (0.6 percent) from April 2011. The Food Commodities Index, at 166, decreased five points (2.9 percent) from last month but is unchanged from April 2011.

### Index Summary Table

Index	April 2011	March 2012	April 2012
Prices received.....	176	184	177
Prices paid .....	203	213	213
Ratio prices received to prices paid .....	87	86	83

### Average Price Received by Farmers

[Current month prices are mid-month; prices for previous months and are for the entire month.]

Commodity	Florida			United States		
	April 2011	March 2012	April 2012	April 2011	March 2012	April 2012
<b>MEAT ANIMALS</b>						
Cows <sup>1</sup> ..... dollars per cwt				78.90	84.20	84.90
Steers & heifers <sup>1</sup> ..... dollars per cwt				122.00	132.00	129.00
Calves <sup>1</sup> ..... dollars per cwt				147.00	184.00	179.00
Hogs, all <sup>1</sup> ..... dollars per cwt				67.80	65.20	62.60
<b>MILK <sup>2</sup></b>						
Sold to plants, all ..... dollars per cwt	24.20	21.10	20.40	19.60	17.20	16.90
<b>POULTRY</b>						
Broilers, live <sup>1</sup> ..... dollars per pound				0.490	0.570	0.510
Table eggs <sup>1</sup> ..... dollars per dozen				0.888	0.791	0.642
<b>CITRUS, ON TREE</b>						
Oranges.....dollars per box	7.30	8.12	8.74	7.00	8.12	9.38
Grapefruit .....dollars per box	4.54	6.06	6.14	5.27	6.28	6.42
Tangerines and mandarins .....dollars per box	12.95	12.83	(D)	13.53	23.52	(D)
<b>FIELD CROPS</b>						
Potatoes ..... dollars per cwt	16.00	(D)	(D)	11.17	9.98	10.57
Hay, All baled .....dollars per ton				143.00	181.00	190.00
Peanuts .....dollars per pound	0.225	0.360	0.338	0.231	0.348	0.350
Corn <sup>1</sup> ..... dollars per bushel				6.36	6.35	6.14
Cotton, Upland <sup>1</sup> .....dollars per pound				0.867	0.902	0.916
Soybeans <sup>1</sup> ..... dollars per bushel				13.10	13.00	13.80
Wheat, Winter <sup>1</sup> ..... dollars per bushel				7.37	6.68	6.31
<b>VEGETABLES</b>						
Beans, snap <sup>1</sup> ..... dollars per cwt				57.40	57.60	73.70
Corn, sweet <sup>1</sup> ..... dollars per cwt				21.50	33.70	23.30
Cucumbers <sup>1</sup> ..... dollars per cwt				26.40	20.50	23.60
Tomatoes <sup>1</sup> ..... dollars per cwt				67.60	36.60	25.20

D Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.  
<sup>1</sup> Only marketing year average prices are estimated for Florida, except broilers, and eggs which are not estimated.  
<sup>2</sup> Before deductions for hauling and government withholding, and includes quantity and other premiums, but excludes hauling subsidies.

Highlights-United States Prices Received by Farmers: April 2012

**All Crops:** The Index, at 205, decreased 2.4 percent from March and is 2.5 percent above April 2011. The Index decreases for feed grains and hay, and food grains more than offset the index increases for oilseeds, fruit and nuts and commercial vegetables.

**Food Grains:** The Index, at 223, is down 1.8 percent above the previous month but 8.6 percent below a year ago. The price of April all wheat at \$6.87 per bushel, is down 32 cents from March and \$1.14 below April 2011.

**Feed Grains and Hay:** The Index, at 265, declined 2.2 percent from last month but is 0.8 percent higher a year ago. The corn price, at \$6.14 per bushel, is down 21 cents from last month and 22 cents below April 2011. The all hay price, at \$190.00 per ton is up \$47.00 higher than March and \$9.00 from last April. Sorghum grain, at \$10.40 per hundredweight is 50 cents below March and down \$1.30 from April last year.

**Cotton, Upland:** The Index, at 151, is up 1.3 percent from March and 5.6 percent above last year. The April price, at 91.6 cents per pound, is up 1.4 cents from the previous month and 4.9 cents from last April.

**Oilseeds:** The Index, at 247, increased 6.0 percent from March and 5.1 percent higher than April 2011. The soybean price, at \$13.80 per bushel, increased 80 cents from March and is 70 cents higher than April 2011.

**Potatoes and Dry Beans:** The Index, at 192 is up 5.5 percent from last month and 2.1 percent below April 2011. The all potato price, at \$10.57 per hundredweight, is up 59 cents from March but down 60 cents from last April. The all dry bean price, at \$47.90 per hundredweight, is up 80 cents from the previous month and \$16.10 higher than April 2011.

**Fruits and Nuts:** The Index, at 169, is up 4.3 percent higher than March and 17 percent higher than a year ago. The price increases for oranges and strawberries more than offset the price decrease for apples.

**Commercial Vegetables:** The Index, at 130, increased 4.8 percent from last month but is 18 percent below April 2011. Price increases during April for onions and lettuce more than offset price declines for sweet corn and tomatoes

**Livestock and Products:** The Index, at 153, is down 4.4 percent from last month and 1.9 percent higher than April 2011. Compared with a year ago, prices are lower for milk, eggs, and hogs. The price for cattle, broilers, calves and turkeys are up from last year.

**Meat Animals:** The Index, at 163, is down 1.8 percent from last month but 3.2 percent higher than last year. The April hog price, at \$62.60 per hundredweight, is down \$2.60 from March and \$5.20 lower than a year ago. The April beef cattle price of \$125.00 per hundredweight is down \$3.00 from last month but \$6.00 higher than April 2011.

**Dairy Products:** The Index, at 129, is down 2.3 percent from a month ago and 14 percent lower than April last year. The April all milk price of \$16.90 per hundredweight is down 30 cents from last month and \$2.70 lower than April 2011.

**Poultry and Eggs:** The Index, at 159, is down 8.6 percent from March but 0.6 percent above a year ago. The April market egg price, at 64.2 cents per dozen, decreased 14.9 cent from March and is 24.5 cents above April 2011. The April broiler price, at 51.0 cents per pound, is 6.0 cents lower than March but 2.0 cents above a year ago. The April turkey price, at 73.4 cents per pound, is up 4.4 cents from the previous month and 7.7 cents from a year earlier.

Prices Received for Selected Agricultural Commodities by month - United States: 2011 and 2012

[Current month prices are mid-month; prices for previous months are for the entire month. Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun.]

Month	All wheat		Corn		Soybeans		Beef cattle <sup>1</sup>		All hogs	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)
January .....	6.69	7.04	4.94	6.07	11.60	11.90	107.00	125.00	56.00	63.50
February .....	7.42	7.10	5.65	6.28	12.70	12.20	108.00	127.00	61.40	65.50
March .....	7.55	7.19	5.53	6.35	12.70	13.00	115.00	128.00	62.90	65.20
April.....	8.01	6.87	6.36	6.14	13.10	13.80	119.00	125.00	67.80	62.60
May .....	8.16		6.32		13.20		112.00		68.60	
June .....	7.41		6.38		13.20		107.00		69.70	
July .....	7.10		6.33		13.20		111.00		71.70	
August.....	7.61		6.88		13.40		111.00		75.80	
September.....	7.55		6.37		12.20		112.00		67.10	
October .....	7.29		5.71		11.70		117.00		68.70	
November.....	7.26		5.84		11.70		120.00		64.40	
December.....	7.19		5.86		11.50		120.00		63.50	

<sup>1</sup> Includes cows, steers, and heifers.